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1. Recently published information on the Soviet precision instrument industry gives the following breakdown of USSR instrument production during 1959: electrical measuring instruments -- 13 percent, industrial control instruments -- 11.7 percent, calculating machines -- 7 percent, mechanical measuring instruments -- 9.3 percent, watches and clocks -- 23 percent, other instruments -- 36 percent. What categories of instruments are included in the "other" category? Specifically, are optical instruments included, and what portion of the total do they represent? (U)

a. Are there any indications that goals for the production of instruments will be raised? If so, is this to be accomplished with existing and planned production facilities, or will new plants be scheduled in addition to those already planned under the Seven Year Plan? (U)

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